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I believe that Microsoft is abusing its position of dominance in several ways.

It dictates what a person can do with it's Operating system once they have paid for it.

As a Family man, I am being denied the right to use the operating system as I please on my own personnel computers.

I am also being denied the right to reload my computers after the system crashes (usually due to a flaw in the operating system ) without pleading with Microsoft for permission and a new key-number.

Also I am denied the right to make a copy of the operating system to use when reloading for the umpteenth time,

Thus keeping the original in good condition.

This dictatorial attitude would not exist where it not for Microsoft's dominant market position or the existence of cartels similar to the Petro-chemical and Music industry's.

I believe I should own the right to use the product as I see fit within a legal framework that forbids my profiting by resale or gifting copies to third parties.

I understand the need for Microsoft to guard it's intellectual property but it is going beyond what is reasonable in a free democratic society and should be made to curb it's dictatorial ways.

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